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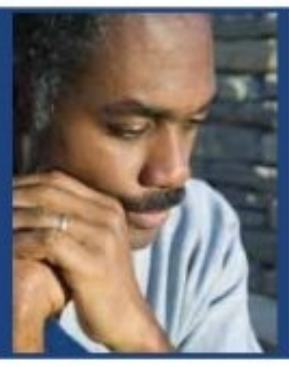

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Dog torture prompts PSPCA rally this week

Following three disturbing instances of dogs set on fire in the Philadelphia area — two of which were fatal — the Pennsylvania SPCA will on Thursday hold "Justice for Chloe and Hercules, A Rally Against Animal Abuse."

In the most recent case of brutality, a 4-month-old pit bull named Hercules was found with severe burns and possible smoke inhalation in West Oak Lane on Friday. The dog appeared to have been intentionally set on fire and left to die.

It was transferred to PSPCA rescue partner the Animal Alliance of N.J., where veterinarians treating the dog have given a good prognosis, though they say its recovery will be long. A reward fund of $1,500 has been set up.

Chloe was a pit bull found wandering in East Germantown last week not far from its owner's home. That dog, too, appeared to have been doused in accelerant and intentionally set ablaze. Severe burns covered its entire body. Despite the best effort of PSPCA's rescue team, the dog died of the injuries the next day. The reward fund for information leading to the person responsible has swelled to $5,000. METRO/AW

PSPCA

▶ Hercules

In the news

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Heat-related deaths in Philadelphia this summer, including three since last Sunday, a city Health Department spokesman said yesterday. Philadelphia has been under a heat advisory since last weekend, with temperatures at times reaching the triple digits. METRO/AW

In the news

Lightning fatal

A woman struck by lightning at the Jersey shore Saturday night died yesterday, The Asbury Park Press reported. Indira Tursunova, 48, of New City, N.Y., was walking on a sea wall during a thunderstorm in Monmouth Beach, trailing about 20 feet behind a group of family members and friends when the bolt directly struck her, police said. METRO/AW

▶ Corbett

Voter ID law causes stir

PENNSYLVANIA. Voting rights groups have called on Gov. Tom Corbett to urge leaders in Harrisburg to delay implementation of the state's new voter ID law.

The new law requires all registered voters to have a valid photo ID in order to vote. A report issued last week by the state Transportation Department reveals that 9.2 percent of the commonwealth's 8.2 million registered voters — and 18 percent of Philadelphia voters — do not have photo identification issued by the state. METRO/SDL

Two officers charged in '08 death

WEST OAK LANE. Two former Philadelphia police officers were charged in the fatal shooting of an unarmed man in 2008 following a grand jury investigation.

Chauncey Ellison Sr., 39, and Robin Fortune, 44, were both off-duty when Ellison shot 19-year-old Lawrence Allen in the back during a dispute over a stolen pizza. Ellison is charged with voluntary manslaughter while Fortune is charged with conspiracy. METRO

Memo to NYC: Our beer nose is better than yours

Philly chefs come together tomorrow for Hop Chef competition pairing craft beers with food ◗ One contestant boasts of Philly's great beer sense

Cooking in a cramped kitchen on a 98-degree day isn't exactly fun. Not even for one of Philadelphia's most accomplished chefs. But there was Scott Schroeder, slaving away on the griddle as he prepared his shrimp torta. Schroeder is in training for the Ommegang Hop Chef Competition.

"I don't ever volunteer for stuff like this," Schroeder joked, adding that an Ommegang sales rep urged him to enter the competition. "I don't mind the publicity, but I'd rather be sitting at home."

Hop Chef, which challenges area chefs to prepare and pair dishes using Ommegang ales, has been going on for years in other cities, like New York, but this is its Philadelphia debut. Schroeder has been researching and evaluating the dishes that New York's finest have served up. And, in his expert opinion, they just weren't very impressive.

"I know we can do better, more creative things," he said.

The Big Apple refuses to leave behind those dusty old wine bottles and pick up craft-inspired growlers.

"You walk in a lot of big-name chef restaurants in New York or even in their hotels, they still ignore the beer program," Schroeder said. "You walk in and you're still drinking Stella Artois or Heineken. ... Their beer selection pretty much sucks. You come to Philly restaurants and our big name chefs have woken up to it. We're selling a lot of craft beers. ... Jose Garces, Marc Vetri, a lot of our hotels, they have a lot of American craft beers all over their taps."

The cooking is the easy part. The hard part is turning it into a spectacle, something that you might see on Food Network.

"My sous chef is doing it with me, maybe we'll work shirtless or something like that," Schroeder joked. "We're trying to focus on the food now. We'll focus on the comedy routine later."

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▶ Schroeder: New York City's "beer selection pretty much sucks."

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Next duel for winner: Taking on other cities

Hop Chef is broken down into five categories: simple pairing, cooking with beer, mimicking beer, story telling and experimental. The winner has a chance to flex Philly's beer superiority on New York's home turf, as the victor will head to Brewery Ommegang in Cooperstown, N.Y., to duke it out with other regional winners.

"A lot of my friends that live in New York come into [South Philly] Tap Room and they're like, 'We don't have this, it's something that really doesn't exist [in New York]," Schroeder said. "They're starting to get it, but it's kind of weird to have New York behind Philly in something, that doesn't happen. They're bigger, better, faster at everything — so it's neat to see that we're ahead."

Hop Chefs

Schroeder is the head chef at South Philadelphia Tap Room and American Sardine Bar.

- He is also the creator of Scott Dogs, one of the growing number of Philadelphia's gourmet food trucks.
- Schroeder will be going up against five other local chefs: Jason Cichonski, George Sabatino, Nicholas Elmi, Jon Cichon and Joe Cicala.
- "I feel like I'm the underdog," Schroeder said. "I'm probably the most accomplished of them. ... But they're all younger, have a broader skill set, know more about new modern cooking than I know at all. It'd be nice to beat the kids, you know, they're a little flashier than I am."

City official says treating mentally ill prevents crime

After a tense police standoff with a Center City gunman ended in gunfire on Friday, city officials say more funding is needed to treat the city's mentally ill population to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Amir Bey, 22, of South Philadelphia, was shot and critically wounded by police Friday after failing to respond to their demands that he put down his gun on North Broad Street across from City Hall.

Investigators said Bey had been pacing for 30 to 40 minutes, shouting expletives and even firing once toward officers.

It is unclear whether Bey had been diagnosed with a mental illness, police said, but clearly he had "a diminished mental condition."

Fortunately for authorities, no one else was injured.

The Bey shooting comes on the heels of an unprovoked attack on a SEPTA bus by a woman who may have a history of mental illness.

Deputy mayor for Public Safety and Mayor Michael Nutter's chief of staff Everett Gillison said roughly 25 percent of the city's prison population has been diagnosed with a mental illness and an estimated 15 percent are seriously mentally ill.

While the city's mental health court has helped divert some offenders away from jail, Gillison said, further cuts in state funding for social services puts more pressure on the judicial system.

"Stuff that happened like [Friday], thank God, doesn't happen often. ... We should be spending more money in areas of prevention instead of this knee-jerk reaction of just cut, cut, cut," he said.

"We really never understand the needed investment to help people through dealing with these kinds of acute issues, but it is always in society's best interest to deal with it on the front end than to wring our hands when something bad has happened."

City health officials had projected a 20 percent cut in state aid, but it is unclear how much they will receive under the budget state lawmakers adopted less than two weeks ago.

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Atlantic City stabbings

Antoinette Pelzer, the woman charged with stabbing two Canadian tourists to death in Atlantic City in May, was a schizophrenic, according to family members. Police said Pelzer, 44, stabbed the women during a robbery because she wanted money for cigarettes. METRO/SDL

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Number of inmates in state prisons that reported mental health problems in 2005, accounting for 56 percent of prisoners, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics

$60

A 2000 report by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections estimated that it costs $60 more per day to house a mental ill prisoner than a prisoner without a mental illness.

74%

Nearly three-quarters of state prisoners with mental health problems had substance dependence or abuse in 2005, compared to 56 percent of those without mental health problems.

Two priests deemed unsuitable

▶ Chaput

Two suspended priests accused of child sexual abuse in the Philadelphia Archdiocese have been deemed not suitable for ministry, while four others have been cleared.

Archbishop Charles Chaput said while announcing the suspensions that an internal investigation did not substantiate abuse claims against either of the two removed priests, but did find violations of the Standard of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries. The priests, whose names were not released, can appeal.

Gina Maisto-Smith, a former prosecutor, headed up the team which conducted the investigations and Chaput made the final decisions. METRO/SDL

He 'gave heart and soul'

City cop with elite Highway Patrol unit killed after leaving work by alleged drunk driver Received numerous accolades during long career

Behind the badge

The 23-year veteran, killed just minutes after leaving the job for his ride home, earned several commendations for his work on the force.

- Lorenzo was honored for his courage and commitment to the community at state Sen. Shirley Kitchen's 14th annual appreciation banquet last summer, where he received a state proclamation for outstanding service.
- Nutter said that over the course of Lorenzo's career, he earned five commendations of merit for showing "special initiative and perseverance in the performance of police duties" and numerous commendatory letters.
- Lorenzo was also an instructor and member of the Highway Patrol Unit's Motorcycle Drill Team, which performs each year at the Hero Thrill Show to raise college tuition money for children of police and firefighters killed in the line of duty. The event has generated over $2 million to help more than 800 family members since 2001.

A 23-year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department who earned five commendations of merit and was last year awarded a state proclamation for outstanding service was killed early yesterday morning by an alleged drunk driver.

Police said Highway Patrol Officer Brian Lorenzo, 48, was in full uniform when he was traveling home from work on Interstate 95.

A gray Audi driving against traffic — southbound in the highway's northbound lanes — struck Lorenzo's department-issued motorcycle around 3:15 a.m. near the Cottman Avenue exit in Northeast Philadelphia. Lorenzo died at the scene. "

It just appears that Officer Lorenzo had absolutely no chance to evade this male and it's just a sad, sad day for us in the Philadelphia Police Department," Deputy Commissioner Richard Ross said yesterday.

The alleged driver of the Audi, John Leck Jr., 48, of Levittown, is in police custody at Aria-Torresdale Hospital.

"Obviously, it's still early, but from what I'm gathering, he was highly intoxicated,"

"For 23 years, Brian Lorenzo went to work every day putting his life on the line for Philadelphians. As a uniformed public servant, a member of the most professional municipal police force in the country, he gave his heart and soul to his job and to all of us."

police union president John McNesby said. "He entered the highway on 95 going the wrong way — he went left in right lane — at a high rate speed. Officer Lorenzo had no time to react at all."

Police said Leck will be charged with homicide by vehicle, DUI and related offenses.

A hearse flanked by highway patrol motorcycles transported Lorenzo's body from the medical examiner's office to a funeral home yesterday afternoon.

Lorenzo is survived by his wife of 25 years, who he met while attending Frankford High School, and three children. His brother is a Philadelphia police officer of nearly 12 years who works in the 25th District, where Lorenzo also served earlier in his career.

Mayor Michael Nutter yesterday visited Lorenzo's family and ordered all city flags to be flown at half-staff for the next month.

"As citizens of this great city, we will never forget the sacrifice that our police officers make every day," Nutter said in a statement. "Nor will we forget Brian Lorenzo, a decorated officer who exemplified the very best qualities of law enforcement."

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▶ Lorenzo received five commendations for merit.

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Obama invites Egypt's Islamist leader to US

CAIRO. President Barack Obama has invited Egypt's newly elected Islamist president, Mohamed Mursi, to visit the United States in September, an Egyptian official said yesterday, reflecting the new ties Washington is cultivating with the region's Islamists.

Washington, long wary of Islamists and an ally of ousted President Hosni Mubarak, shifted policy last year to open formal contacts with the Muslim Brotherhood, the group behind Mursi's win. Mursi formally resigned from the group after his victory. **REUTERS**

Putin seeks answers after deadly floods in Russia

GELENDZHIK, RUSSIA. Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered investigators to find out whether local officials could have done more to prevent floods killing 150 people in southern Russia after flying to the region to handle the first big disaster of his new presidency.

Putin, who was criticized for his slow reaction to disasters earlier in his career, has promised money for new homes for victims of the worst flooding in decades in Krasnodar, a prosperous region with thriving agriculture and tourism.

Most of the victims drowned. Many were elderly people caught unawares as they slept when water swept through their homes after two months' average rainfall fell in a night. **REUTERS**

Libyans hail vote as start of 'freedom era'

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▶ A Libyan man reads a newspaper yesterday, the day after the country went to the polls in the eastern city of Benghazi.

Nine months after Muammar Gaddafi's death at the hands of rebels, Libya has defied fears it would descend into violence by pulling off a largely peaceful election, its first national and free vote in 60 years.

Libyans, many of whom had cast their ballot with tears in their eyes, hailed Saturday's poll as a chance to draw a line under Gaddafi's dictatorship and forge a brighter future for their North African country.

While two deaths were reported as anti-election protesters sought to disrupt the vote, the mood was jubilant with revelers in Tripoli letting off firecrackers and locals in the eastern city of Benghazi sending up rocket-propelled grenades.

"Allahu akbar, this is the freedom era — for the first time, Sirte is free."
CHANTED A LOCAL WOMAN AS SHE CELEBRATED WITH HER FAMILY

Even in Gaddafi's hometown of Sirte, which saw some of the worst fighting in last year's uprising to end his 42-year rule, there was relief that the vote had gone smoothly.

The interim Libyan government and Western backers of last year's revolution, which relied on NATO bombing for support, called it an early triumph for democracy.

"The United States is proud of the role that we played in supporting the Libyan revolution and protecting the Libyan people, and we look forward to working closely with the new Libya," U.S. President Barack Obama said in a statement. **REUTERS**

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Employers not rattled yet by US 'fiscal cliff'

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▶ Whatever the political outcome, some believe employers will show increased nervousness as the year advances.

American employers are keeping their fingers crossed that politicians will steer away from a "fiscal cliff" of major tax hikes and spending cuts in early 2013 — and, so far at least, have not gone back to a defensive recession-mode.

Executives are prepared to reduce hiring or staffing if need be, but they say they are counting on the U.S. Congress to strike a last-minute deal.

"If they do go off the fiscal cliff, I'll immediately see my [sales] pipeline turn, and that's what we base our hiring decisions on," said Stephen Gray, chief executive officer at Gray Construction, an engineering, design and construction firm in Kentucky with 437 employees.

"But I don't see that bothering me until after it happens," Gray said in an interview from Lexington. "That may be a problem on Jan. 2."

80K

Hiring was dismal for a fourth straight month in June, with non-farm payrolls expanding by just 80,000.

Less than six months away, the threat of big tax rises and spending cuts scheduled for January poses a new risk to the economy and struggling U.S. labor market.

In Washington and on Wall Street, warnings about a potentially huge hit to growth are growing louder as election campaigning effectively blocks any new legislation until after the Nov. 6 poll. **REUTERS**

News in brief

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Virus could black out nearly 250,000 PCs

BOSTON. About a quarter-million computer users around the world are at risk of losing Internet access today because of malicious software at the heart of a hacking scam that U.S. authorities shut down last November.

Some blogs and news reports hyped the outage risk, warning of a potential "blackout" and describing the Alureon malware as the "Internet Doomsday" virus.

Yet experts said only a tiny fraction of computer users were at risk, and Internet providers would be on call to quickly restore service. They said they considered the threat to be small compared with more-prevalent viruses such as Zeus and SpyEye, which infect millions of PCs and are used to commit financial fraud. **REUTERS**

Amazon planning smartphone to vie with Apple iPhone

NEW YORK. Amazon.com Inc. is developing a smartphone that would vie with Apple Inc.'s iPhone and handheld devices that run Google Inc.'s Android operating system, two people with knowledge of the matter said.

Foxconn International Holdings Ltd. is working with Amazon on the device, said one of the people, who asked not to be identified because the plans are private. Amazon is seeking to complement the smartphone strategy by acquiring patents that cover wireless technology and would help it defend against allegations of infringement. **BLOOMBERG**

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Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

Tom Cruise doesn't want to play games

While the rest of the world hid in the air conditioning, soon-to-be-exes **Tom Cruise** and **Katie Holmes** took the opportunity to sneak into their lawyers' offices over the weekend. It seems the couple are hoping to work out a settlement before their scheduled July 17 showdown in court, which is shaping up to be the summer harvest of hungry gossip columns everywhere.

While Holmes noisily filed for divorce and sole custody of daughter **Suri**, Cruise's side isn't letting much slip as far as strategy. "It's not Tom's style to do this publicly. He is really sad about what's happening," his lawyer, **Bert Fields**, tells BBC News. "We are letting 'the other side' play the media until they wear everyone out, and then we'll have something to say."

Of course, Team Cruise is totally "playing the media" with a statement like this, but sure, we'll bite. Not only is it amazingly passive-aggressive — our favorite flavor of aggressive over here — but we're sick of watching Katie Holmes parade around Whole Foods in chirpy little sundresses. Lady, if you're going to pretend you're being hunted by the scary Scientologists, at least wear sneakers.

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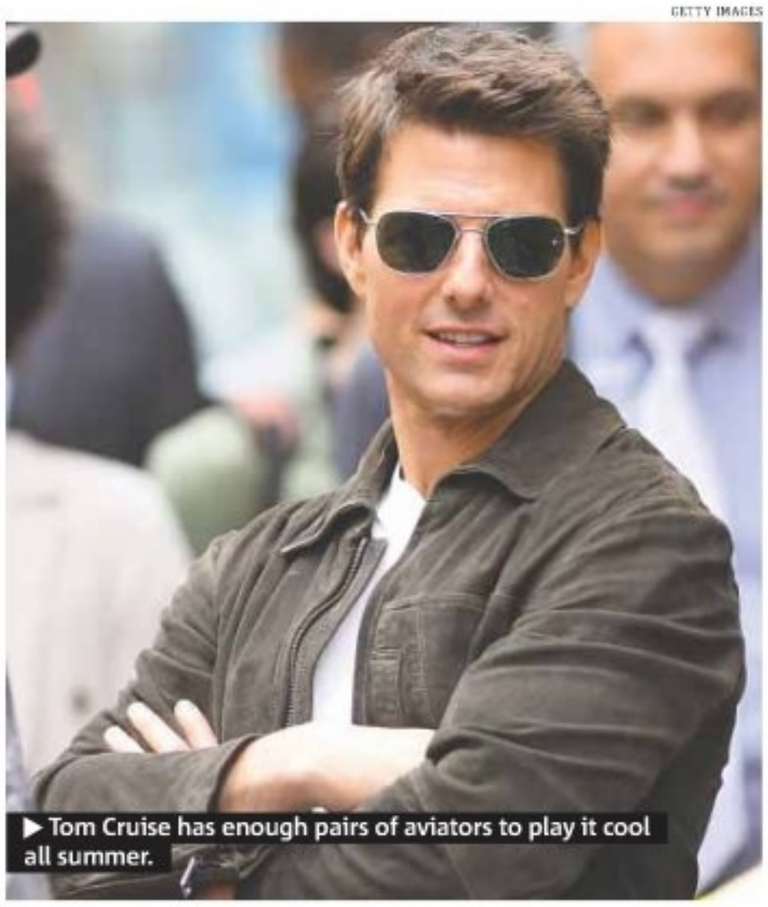

▶ Tom Cruise has enough pairs of aviators to play it cool all summer.

Humphries stands alone

It seems everyone has had enough of **Kris Humphries**. After reports that his **Kim Kardashian** rebound, ex-girlfriend **Myla Sinanaj**, is pregnant, his publicist dropped him as a client.

"They went different ways because Kris was becoming too much to handle. These stories about him [dating] girls would pop up [in the press], and he'd deny it — then it would turn out to be true," a source tells Life & Style. "Kris tries to put on this innocent, good-hearted image, but as you get to know him, it just doesn't turn out to be true."

Unfortunately, being a scheming drama queen won't get you fired from this page. Kris, buddy, we'll check in tomorrow.

Want to hang with Gwen Stefani?

After fellow celebs **George Clooney** and **Sarah Jessica Parker** invited the **Obama** campaign over for a party, **Gwen Stefani** is hosting a "Family Fun Day" at her home with **Michelle Obama**. For $1,000, a family of four can head over to enjoy some "child-friendly campaign fun" at her L.A. mansion on Aug. 12.

Does this include playing dress-up with her No Doubt wardrobe? If so, completely worth it — and dibs on that polka dot "Don't Speak" dress, you sticky little patriots.

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Talking points

Does Cruise have an expiration date?

Some eagle-eyed gossip-watchers have noted that all of **Tom Cruise**'s wives — **Mimi Rogers**, **Nicole Kidman** and now **Katie Holmes** — have called it quits with him at the age of 33. Just an odd coincidence? Maybe not. In a recent survey conducted by British social-networking site Friends Reunited, 70 percent of respondents over the age of 40 claimed they weren't truly happy until they turned 33. "By this age innocence has been lost, but our sense of reality is mixed with a strong sense of hope, a 'can do' spirit and a healthy belief in our own talents and abilities," psychologist Donna Dawson says in the survey's findings.

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▶ Rogers at 33

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▶ Kidman at 33

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▶ Holmes at 33

Baby on the way for Claire Danes

"Homeland" star **Claire Danes** and husband **Hugh Dancy** are expecting their first child, Danes' publicist confirms to People magazine. The pregnancy isn't expected to interfere with production of the second season of her critically acclaimed cable series, which begins in September. Danes and Dancy met while filming "Evening" and began dating shortly after, tying the knot in the French countryside in 2009.

Do you know how fast you were going back there, Biebs?

Justin Bieber's need for speed got him in a bit of hot water late last week when he was pulled over and cited for going more than 100 miles per hour in his $102,000 Fisker Karma sports car on the 101 freeway through the San Fernando Valley, according to E! News. But he apparently wasn't just out for a joy ride, as Bieber reportedly told California Highway Patrol officers that he was evading pursuing paparazzi. Whether or not that's true, his driving clearly frightened other drivers, including L.A. City Councilman **Dennis Zine**. "It was a very dangerous, chaotic situation," Zine tells E! "When he passed me, he was … driving in a careless, reckless fashion." Zine says that when he called 911, the operators informed him that they'd already received 10 calls about Bieber's speeding.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

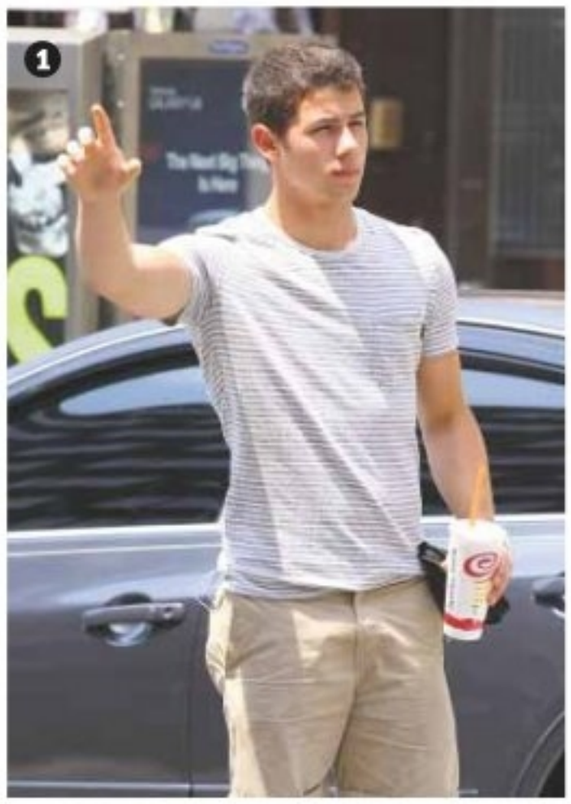
@LadyGaga
Is anyone else freaking out about No Doubt putting out a new album. I can't wait!

@MissKellyO (Kelly Osbourne)
Really? The a-hole in front of me almost knocked me out putting her seat back Might get a black eye Im going2 kick her seat all the way to LA

@Joan_Rivers
I love performing on Cape Cod!!! It's the most popular tourist destination for gay men, if you don't count John Travolta's hotel room.

@ConanOBrien
Justin Bieber's new album is not selling as well as expected. Think how bad it would be doing if I hadn't bought 50,000 copies.

@JohnStamos
"i've been to paradise but i've never been to me" - HA - that song just came on. what's the cheesiest song in your iTunes?



Rachel McAdams is pregnant — in her new movie, at least

1. Nick Jonas acted like he was a regular human being by hailing a cab in New York City on Saturday.

2. Nicki Minaj performed at Barclaycard Wireless Festival in London on Saturday. What do Brits think of the Brit accent she affects in her songs? Discuss this with the person next to you on the train.

3. "Hey man, I played bass in a kickass band for a while too!" Nirvana's **Krist Novoselic** and **Duff McKagan** (Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver, Loaded) greeted each other at the CBGB Festival in New York City on Saturday. Just 20 years ago, their singers, **Kurt Cobain** and **Axl Rose**, respectively, exchanged fightin' words. What a difference two decades make.

4. Rachel McAdams has gotta carry that weight. She was spotted crossing Abbey Road in London yesterday while filming a scene in the upcoming film "About Time." Word is that she isn't really pregnant, she's just playing a pregnant woman (or a really lousy shoplifter).

5. The honor belonged to director, writer and producer **Christopher Nolan**, who immortalized his hand and footprints in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood on Saturday, but our eyes were on cute little pixie **Anne Hathaway**. Hey girl! Lookin' good!

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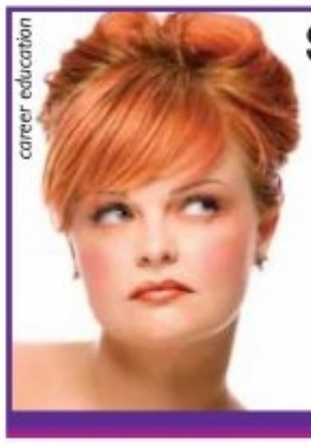

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Transforming the way adults learn

The term "transformative learning" has been buzzing around higher education since the early '80s, when Teachers College of Columbia professor Jack Mezirow founded his influential theory.

Put very simply, transformative learning is an "aha!" moment. For Mezirow, this crucial life transition usually occurs through spiritual crises, when a student's preconceived beliefs are fundamentally challenged through an educational experience.

Mezirow based his research on adult women returning to college, and transformative learning remains a foundational concept of adult education today. But over the last 30 years, the theory has been increasingly applied to psychological counseling situations.

This month, Information Age Publishing will release what is, perhaps, the first attempt to integrate both counselor and teacher perspectives in one book: "Pathways to Transformation: Learning in Relationship."

"The idea of 'transformative learning' brings up lots of difficult questions for professors: How do you structure a learning experience that might make a student uncomfortable but not alienate that student?" says Carrie J. Boden, who, with Sola M. Kippers, edited the new book. "Counselors have a lot of experience in negotiating that very situation, so we wanted to foster that conversation."

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▶ Transformative learning can take students out of their comfort zones.

With contributions from over 20 leading counselors and educators, "Pathways" is an attempt to shift the "transformative" conversation toward a more holistic, campus-wide approach.

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Yale to ensure students in Singapore have freedom of expression

Yale University will ensure its liberal arts campus in Singapore won't impose censorship amid criticism the city-state's laws will stifle academic freedom.

Students at the new Yale-NUS College will be able to express themselves freely on campus, and skepticism of the venture should fade, Pericles Lewis, president of the Singapore campus and a professor of English and Comparative Literature at Yale, told reporters yesterday.

The college is the first overseas undergraduate campus by Yale University and is funded by the National University of Singapore, the city's government and private donors. The venture has been criticized by Yale professors who say they were not consulted in the planning and that they have concerns about civil rights in Singapore, where the government has said restrictions on public assembly and speeches are necessary to maintain social and religious harmony.

"We expect students to express all kinds of opinions on campus," Lewis says. "The issue is about going off campus and there, students will have to abide by the laws of Singapore." Most students enrolled so far are Singaporeans and should be used to the city-state's rules, he says.

On April 6, Yale professors passed a resolution urging the new campus to respect and support human rights and political freedom. The Singapore campus was inaugurated by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in the presence of Richard Levin, Yale's president, who last year said he was confident his faculty in Singapore could teach and publish without restrictions.

"There will always be critics," says Lewis. "But as people see the successful education experiment, there are going to be more people praising us than criticizing us."

Degrees from the new college will be awarded through NUS, as the Singapore university is known. Yale, a member of the Ivy League of eight private U.S. universities, would have authority to hire faculty and set curriculum and admission policies, the university said in the prospectus.

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▶ Yale is working to make sure that its Singapore campus will have no more restrictions than the one in New Haven.

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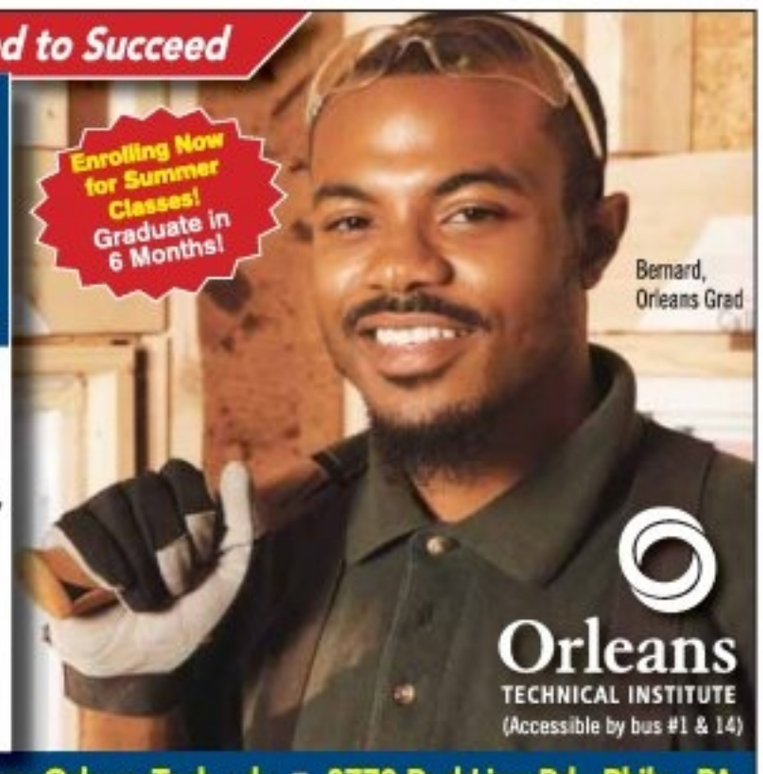

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Neon Trees singer on acclimating to 'the taste of fame' and escaping into 'Picture Show'

Neon Trees exploded onto the music scene with "Animal," the catchy dance rock track that earned them the 2011 Billboard Award for Top Alternative Song.

When asked if he expected this sudden surge in popularity, singer Tyler Glenn flatly says no.

"At the same time, I never think that we're bigger than we are," he adds, "I'm almost self-deprecating to a fault, and sometimes don't allow myself to realize how big we've gotten to some people."

Glenn says this struggle helped inform Neon Trees' latest, "Picture Show," which came out in April. He says the album deals with "experiencing the taste of fame and how it can really swallow you up if you want it to."

"All the songs that I was writing about for this record were about escape," he explains. "I like the way I feel when I go to see a movie, seeing someone else's life for two hours."

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TYLER GLENN

For Neon Trees, they were able to capture the sounds of this escapism by working in Los Angeles.

"We created and recorded the record in Hollywood, and every day walking to the studio, I saw the Hollywood sign," Glenn says. "It's interesting how it's changed for me. I used to fear it and hate it, and I think in the last couple of years, getting to know the city more … it's really a magical city."

Glenn credits his musical mentors for helping him strike the delicate balance of dealing with popularity. He says he learned from singers of bands the Trees have opened for, notably 30 Second to Mars' Jared Leto, whom Glenn calls "an actual, passionate, real frontman."

Glenn's sense of identity is taking shape: "I'm always pushing that mantra or motto that 'fame is dead' — that the idea of 'fame shouldn't be an end goal, but it should be a byproduct of your success and your passion.'"

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This past weekend, sitting on the beach, I heard the clicking of a camera. I looked up and realized that my friend had snapped a funky-angled picture of me in a bikini. My knee-jerk reaction was to wrestle the camera out of her hands and delete the photo. In that moment, all of my old body image issues resurfaced before my eyes.

Getting into a bathing suit can be traumatic, but we must face these feelings in order to enjoy the summer. To help you overcome your own insecurities, I've outlined three steps for a healthy beach body image.

Looking hot is an inside job: We all come in different and unique packages. Accepting what you have is a key component to a healthy body image. Take time to focus on the good stuff and celebrate what you love about your body. Think of the strength in your legs that allows them to climb the steps to the train each morning, or those arms that can steadily juggle groceries and a baby. If you embrace the gifts you've been given, you'll focus less on what you think you don't have. The sexiest people exude inner beauty and confidence. The more comfortable you are with what you have, the happier you will feel and the more attractive you will become.

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8300 RIDGE AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19128 - (215) 482-7015
AUCTION DATE: 7/17/2012 TIME: 11AM
AMANDA ERLEY ROOM#B2068, KIMBERLI SMITH ROOM#B2076.

U-HAUL CENTER OF CHELTENHAM
7400 OGONTZ AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19138 (215) 224-9440
AUCTION DATE: 7/17/2012 TIME: 1:00 PM
AUDREY WOKCHA ROOM#114, LISA A KING-SPEAR ROOM#300,
TAWANNA N COOKS ROOM#332, BENJAMIN COBB ROOM#337.

U-HAUL CENTER OF COLMAR
250 BETHLEHEM PIKE (RT.309), COLMAR, PA 18915 - (215) 822-8080
AUCTION DATE: 7/18/2012 TIME: 9:00 AM
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JAE LEE ROOM#104.

U-HAUL STORAGE OF BETHLEHEM PIKE
272 BETHLEHEM PIKE (RT.309), COLMAR, PA 18915 - (215) 822-2276
AUCTION DATE: 7/18/2012 TIME: 10:00 AM
JUSTIN PROVOST ROOM#0408, EDWIN LANE ROOM#1105,
STEPHEN SAGRESTANO ROOM#1320, JOSEPH SCOTT ROOM#0411,
ROXANNE WELLS ROOM#0534.

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AUCTION DATE: 7/16/2012 TIME: 11:00 AM
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STEVEN SMITH ROOM#4214, NICHOLAS J JAJE ROOM#1016,
GEORGE MARKAKIS ROOM#3802-04, BESSIE MATTOX ROOM#3726.

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Public Auction

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Finding a work wardrobe that actually works

Chu's advice on what to buy

Personal stylist SooJin K. Chu recommends the following for a professional wardrobe starter closet:

MEN
Total budget: $3,000, including one amazing suit ($600-$800), a pair of terrific shoes, eight dress pants and a lot of really good shirts

WOMEN
Total budget: $2,500, including six dress pants, three to four skirts, three jackets and "a whole mess of blouses"

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SooJin K. Chu is the founder of Swagger & Glide (www.swaggerandglide.com), a Boston-based personal shopper/fashion consultant company. Chu specializes in customizing wardrobes to specific professional environments while incorporating the personal tastes of her clients.

"If you make yourself stand out in a work environment that creates a subconscious reaction in others: You feel less approachable to them." CHU

What's the first thing you address when working on a client's professional wardrobe?
Most people don't realize that the way your clothes fit is a huge part of how you're perceived by others. If the shoulders of your suit are ridiculously big, you're giving the impression that you don't belong in it — like you borrowed your dad's suit. So I work a lot with my clients on making sure the clothes you have on really do fit you and your body type.

How do you balance feeling like yourself — especially in the case of creative people — and fitting into a business environment?
Sometimes people want to hold on to how they dress as their own creative outlet. And I encourage that in small doses: a fun tie or suspenders instead of a belt, or an unusual pair of socks. But, especially with first impressions, nobody ever says, "This person looks too professional for this setting."

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▶ Boston-based personal stylist SooJin K. Chu helps clients dress for success.

Is there a purpose to dressing for work, beyond just getting the job and looking professional?
Oh yes. For starters, if you make yourself stand out in a work environment that creates a subconscious reaction in others: You feel less approachable to them. At the same time, you don't want to feel like you've lost your personality. You want to let yourself think outside of the box. It's a constant balance.

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Letters

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Another prince for America?

In Mitt Romney, we may see the succession of another prince from America's aristocracy. This time, let's ask tough, probing questions and get specific answers to see if we are getting a man of character and substance or a beneficiary of inherited privilege, social connections and vast investments with potential for conflict of interests. He looks polished, but is he honed to be sharp as a razor, strong as steel and, yet, still have compassion for us all? **GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL**

Wage, wage against the dying of the light

Even though I support Obamacare, I still do not understand why Obama is not touching the issue of minimum wage which has been at $7.25 an hour at the federal level for quite some time now. Is Mr. President withholding our rights to a wage increase and doing us a favor by promoting the Obamacare? We do not need a favor, but rather what is our due right. Another issue, Mr. President, please, check on all organizations that do keep their employees for years working as "on calls" and not enrolling them in the union. This will assist you in selling the idea of your Obamacare. Now to Mr. Mitt Romney, all you talk about is you can do better than Obama, what have said so far about this wage issue while the landlords keep hiking the rent money. Do you think $7.25 multiplied by 40 hours can pay off the rent, light and medical bills of an America worker? Do the homework, Mr. President and Mr. Romney. I am a Democrat, but I do not condone playing games with voters when November is approaching. **IBRAHIM MAMMAN, VIA E-MAIL**

The naked, er, pants-less truth

RE: 'LEGENDS OF DEATH PANELS NEVER DIE': Winston Churchill famously observed: "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on." Last Friday, Joseph Dupont proved this right by getting hysterical over the silly (and transparently false) notion of "governement death panels." His hysteria, sadly, is simply an example of how dysfunctional our politics have become. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

Burning as hot as a Foreman grill

RE: 'IS IT HOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?': Tom Foreman ends his article on the election with the words, "A lot of voters are feeling burned." I know I do. Burned, in particular, by the outright lie coming from Republican attacks that the "private sector" — meaning corporations — are suffering. After Obama went out on a limb to save banks and car companies, and executives gave themselves the usual huge bonuses, and in light of the enormous amount of money they have to smear those dishonest ads over every screen of every TV in existence, they're hurting? Give me a break!! Yes, it gets me hot — as hot as the weather these days. **PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Insisting that everyone do things your way will create a reaction opposite of what you hope to achieve. Applying poor tactics will defeat your purposes and desires.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Holding a grudge against someone with whom you've recently exchanged testy words will serve no useful purpose, and it could be to your detriment. If you can't forgive, you should at least try to forget.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There's a chance you're likely to believe that you're operating from a position of strength, when in reality you could be cruising for a bruising. Be cautious with all of your financial affairs.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you and your mate are more temperamental than usual, it is vital that neither of you bring up an issue that would ignite an old argument.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Left to your own devices, you'll be effectively industrious. But if you're closely supervised, the reverse might be the case. Then, you'll be tempted to provoke your observer to ill effect.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you allow yourself to be open to peer pressure, you'll likely be encouraged to do something against your best interests. Be your own person.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** There is no need for you to kowtow to someone whose reputation is more symbolic than authoritative. Don't let titles unduly impress you.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Don't waste your time with heated discussion about a topic in which neither you nor your adversary are well versed. Likely, you're both wrong.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Take care in joint money matters when dealing with friends. If the accounts aren't adding up right or are being handled incompetently, someone will end up being very angry.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you can, disengage yourself from having anything to do with a demanding person. You're not likely to have the continued patience it would take to deal with him or her.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Be careful not to create complications where none should exist when doing your thing. The inclination could be there to create unnecessary problems.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you're smart, you'll keep betting out of the picture when involved in activities that contain elements of friendly competition. Once stakes are introduced, the fun will end.

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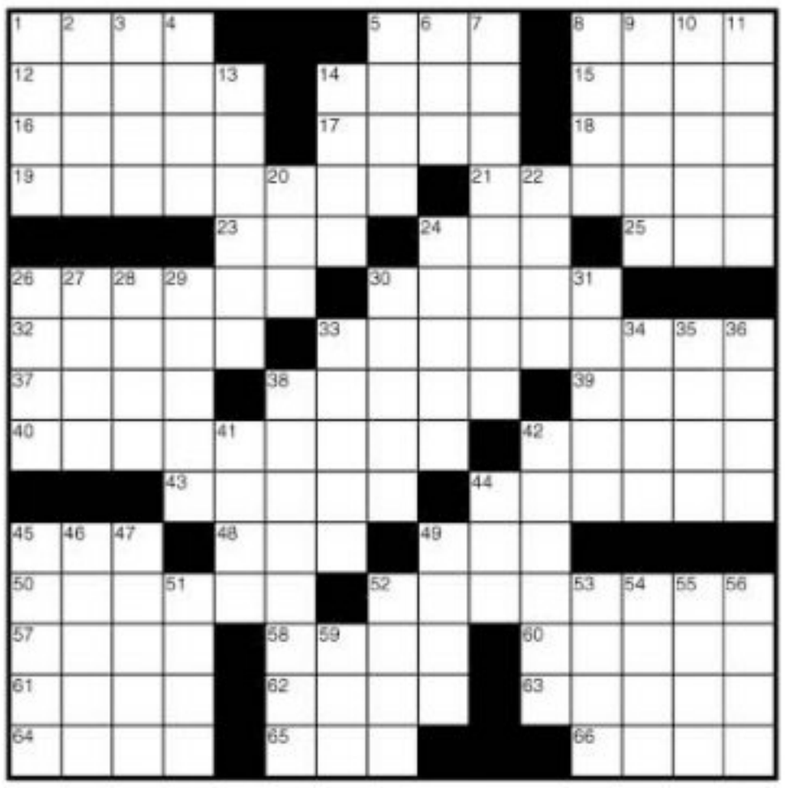

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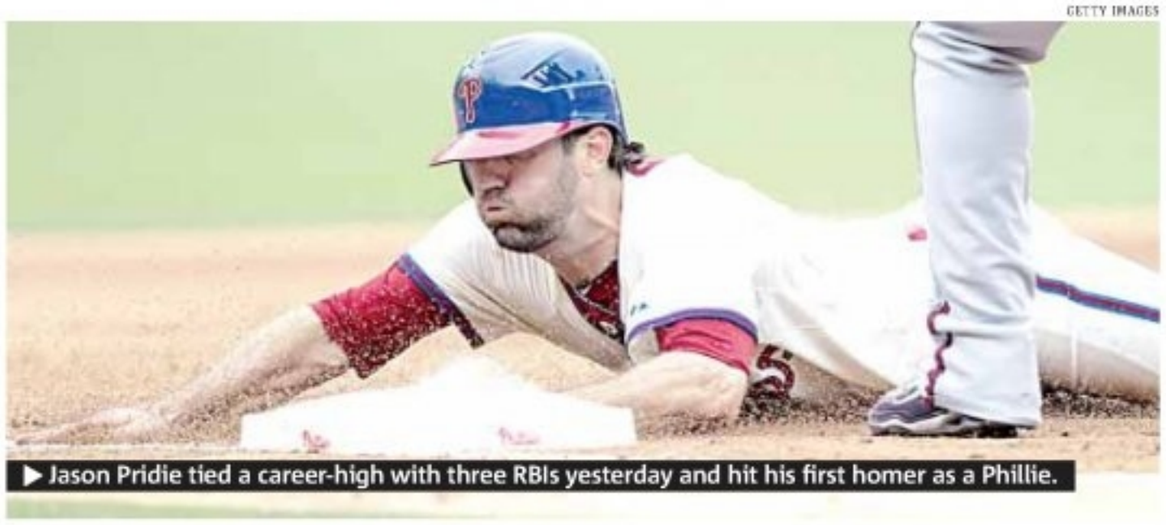

Jason Pridie tied a career-high with three RBIs yesterday and hit his first homer as a Phillie.

Charlie Manuel lumbered up to the podium, fully aware of the bullets about to be fired at him. The Phillies skipper begins every postgame press conference by reciting his starting pitcher's stat line.

Not yesterday. Not after a painful 4-3 loss. Not after being swept by Atlanta. Manuel opened it up immediately to questions. He insists he's tried everything to motivate his underachieving ballclub. Everything just isn't working.

"I'll keep trying because I never ever let up," Manuel said. "I will always try, every day I come to the ballpark, I will always try to win."

The Phils had the lead twice Sunday, but coughed it up both times. When Manuel turned a tie game over to his bullpen in the seventh inning, it only took 14 pitches for Atlanta to grab the lead. Brian McCann's solo home run bounced off the ivy in center field and sent Raul Valdes (2-2) to the showers.

The Phillies are 13 games under .500. It marks just the fourth time in the last 15 seasons that the team will enter the All-Star break below the Mendoza line. Their 37 wins are the fewest at the break since 1997.

"We just don't play good enough to win," Manuel said. "Today was a good example of most of our games."

As the losses pile up, the Phillies' brass will be making some tough decisions between now and the July 31 trading deadline. Players, possibly Shane Victorino and/or Cole Hamels, will be sent packing. Coaches, maybe even Manuel, could soon find themselves in the unemployment line. Until that call comes, the skipper is going to keep fighting.

"I got a lot of confidence in myself and I am a fighter. And not only that, I think I'm a winner," Manuel said, before reeling off a list of his accomplishments. "I'm going to do my job as hard as I possibly can, and as good as I possibly can, and that's all I can do — and the rest is out of my control."

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Victorino stressed over play

When Shane Victorino was scratched from the lineup, rumors swirled that he had been traded. That turned out to be false. The Flyin' Hawaiian was so distraught over his poor play — he's batting .245 and hasn't homered since June 8 — that Manuel sat him.

"I saw him in the clubhouse, he was down," Manuel said. "First time I seen him exactly like that. He's going through a tough time."

Jason Pridie got the start — his first in a Phillies uniform — and stroked a home run in his first at-bat. The 28-year-old finished 2-for-3 while knocking in all three runs. The fans in center field gave him a nice serenade early in the game.

"You got great fans here, always selling out and, I know from playing against these guys last year, how tough the fans can be and how great the fans can be," Pridie said. "It was good to come out and do that on my first at-bat, better than striking out or something."

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▶ It's been a frustrating first half for Charlie Manuel. The Phils are in last place in the NL East, 14 games behind Washington.

Report card time for Fightin' Phils

B Starting pitching: The strength of the team hasn't been enough to prop up a club with so many leaks. Cole Hamels has proven that he deserves a blank check. Cliff Lee deserves more than one win, but he lost a number of games by throwing one bad pitch. Hey, that's the way it goes when there is no margin for error.

C Second base: After Chase Utley missed the first two months the Phils could have prepared for the worst. They were fortunate to have Freddy Galvis play great defense. The rookie also displayed offensive potential until he injured his back (and was suspended 50 games for using a banned substance). Mike Fontenot is so bad defensively that he almost makes Ty Wigginton look good.

C Center field: Shane Victorino hasn't had the walk year he envisioned. The Flyin' Hawaiian has been ineffective as a left-handed hitter and has made a number of head-scratching plays in the field and on the bases. He's batting .245 with eight home runs. Now comes talk the Phils aren't interested in re-signing him. He'll most likely be traded.

D– Bullpen: Antonio Bastardo has lost his command in critical spots and blown a number of games in the eighth. But he's not the only one to cost the Phillies a game in the critical frame. Injuries to Michael Stutes and David Herndon, the ill-advised signing of Chad Qualls and a multiyear deal for Jose Contreras, is the reason Charlie Manuel keeps scratching his head.

C Shortstop: The long-term deal to aging Jimmy Rollins doesn't look so good after watching Galvis play brilliantly at short in spring training. Galvis is on par with Rollins at short and his offensive contribution can only go up. Don't think we can say the same for Rollins. The Phils need a young player that can play everyday on the cheap, and that's Galvis.

C+ Right field: With no Howard or Utley, it was up to Hunter Pence to be the straw that stirs the drink. He knows how difficult that is when hurlers fed him a steady diet of breaking balls and pitched around him. Pence has decent numbers (.285, 16 HRs, 50 RBIs), but they would be better if he had the big boppers in the lineup. He's also made a number of bad plays in the field.

A Catcher: Chooch has been an offensive revelation. Carlos Ruiz has always been a defensive stalwart. He has been the team's undisputed MVP. He is a solid bet to be only the fourth catcher to lead the Phillies in batting. Ruiz, who is hitting .350 with 13 homers and 46 RBIs, has been the man — but he can't do it alone.

C Third base: If the Phillies were pro-active during the off-season, they would have found a way to find a third baseman with pop and made Placido Polanco a super-sub. The aging, oft-injured Polanco hasn't missed substantial time, but he is clearly not the player that he once was.

C+ Manager: Charlie Manuel has made some questionable decisions, but this mess isn't all his fault. Tony LaRussa couldn't win with this team. Manuel has been dealt a terrible hand and he's doing the best he can with it. Yesterday, the skipper re-iterated that he's not giving up on the 2012 season. "I'll always believe we have a chance," he said.

F First base: The Phillies had to have an inkling that Ryan Howard wouldn't be ready for the first month or two. They gambled that he would come back early and lost since Howard stepped to the plate for the first time last Friday. The quartet of Ty Wigginton, John Mayberry Jr., Jim Thome and Laynce Nix has been an unmitigated disaster. So where are all those that say Howard is an overrated, overpaid bum?

C– Left field: John Mayberry Jr. has looked like a fifth outfielder for most of his career, and he's played like a fifth outfielder plugged into the starting lineup. Juan Pierre has done a nice job. You can't strike him out. But count on Pierre being dealt by July 31. How good would Josh Willingham (60 RBIs) look in red pinstripes right now?

D GM: Ruben Amaro didn't sign Ryan Madson (out for year) and added Jonathan Papelbon. But Pap, who should be considered a luxury for this team, is crazy expensive. That's the best you can say for Amaro. He passed on adding a potent bat or two (Willingham, Michael Cuddyer). It will be a fascinating month for Amaro, who has big decisions about his club's present and future.

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▶ Gabriel Gomez, left, battles with Torsten Frings.

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Union dominant in shutout

Make it two straight wins for the Union, after the MLS club defeated Toronto FC, 3-0, yesterday afternoon at PPL Park. Gabriel Gomez and Freddy Adu scored two minutes apart in the first half. Antoine Hoppenot had the third goal. The Union play Wednesday in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

Shocked and awed: Soul score 14th win

▶ Philly defeats Spokane, sets franchise record ▶ Raudabaugh tosses five TDs in 62-48 victory ▶ Eastern Division champions host Utah on July 22

Don't look now but the only Philadelphia football team that can claim a championship in the last 51 years could soon be on the verge of adding another.

When the Arena League playoffs get underway in three weeks, the Soul, 2008 AFL champs back when Jon Bon Jovi was writing the checks, figures to be the team to beat.

After avenging one of their few defeats, with a 62-48 win over the Spokane Shock last night, the Soul (14-3) has won seven straight since an 18-point loss in May.

That's enabled them to clinch the Eastern Division title and assure them home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs. Soul coach Doug Plank, who starred in Buddy Ryan's famed '46' defense in 1985, won't dare look that far ahead.

"Coming off a 6-12 year it was no given this team would be in the playoffs," said Plank, after Dan Raudabaugh threw for five touchdowns and bowling-ball fullback Derrick Ross ran for three scores. "But if you aim low, you're going to finish low. We've all had enough coaches try to sell us the dream and drink the Kool-Aid. But I think it's a great idea."

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Interceptions for Kent Richardson, who had two last night to set the franchise record in a season.

But the start of the playoffs are still weeks away, giving the Soul time for some needed rest before the fun begins. First, they wanted to pay the Shock back for last game.

"They kicked our butts," recalled Ross of that 65-47 loss. "We've avenged every loss we had. This one topped it off."

Despite Jeff Hughley breaking the opening kickoff 55 yards to the end zone, it took time for the Soul to assert its superiority. Down 21-14 at the end of the first quarter, the Soul surged to a 42-34 halftime lead. Raudabaugh went 16-of-22 for 179 yards and five touchdowns.

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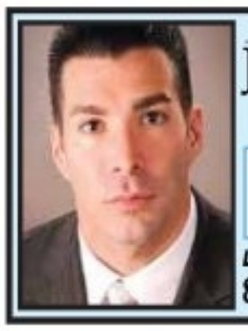

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